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USSR: [U] Thant has informed Ambassador Stevenson that during his talk with Khrushchev in the Crimea on 28 August, the Soviet premier requested U Thant's views on bringing the Berlin question before the UN General Assembly. Thant discouraged him from such a move at this stage and urged that negotiations be continued within the four-power framework. The Secretary General indicated to Khrushchev, however, that it might be desirable to place this question before the UN at some later stage.]

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[Khrushchev mentioned the USSR's desire to establish a UN presence in West Berlin. He also indicated that although he would not attend the opening of the General Assembly, he might come later in the session if his presence seemed to be warranted.]

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[] the chances "seem very good" that Khrushchev will appear before the General Assembly at some point. [] since "it is not easy" to arrange a four-power conference, a visit to New York would afford Khrushchev an opportunity to confer with "a great many people."/

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West Berlin: [Calm has prevailed in West Berlin since the 17-20 August riots, but Mayor Brandt is having difficulty overcoming the smoldering frustration of the Berliners, according to US Mission officials.]

[Brandt thus far has failed to win over the crucial opinion molders in West Berlin--especially the influential newspaper editors--for his efforts to restore the people's self confidence and faith in Allied commitments. The Mission feels it would be "irresponsible and foolhardy" for the Allies to assume that either the city's police forces or those of the Allies can assure continued tranquility and balanced behavior on the part of the Berlin population.] 25X1

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USSR-Congo: The Soviet reply to U Thant's report on the Congo indicates Moscow's continuing dissatisfaction with efforts to bring order into Congolese political life.

Moscow declares that all UN troops should leave the Congo after neutralizing foreign interests in Katanga, which should require no more than a month. This suggests that the USSR may be preparing to press for an end to the Congo operations during the forthcoming General Assembly meeting. 25X1

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Congo: [] Adoula views Tshombé's qualified acceptance of the UN-sponsored plan for a Congo settlement as full of "pitfalls and evasions." Nonetheless he expects the UN to implement the plan rapidly. He believes that 90 days should be the maximum time allowed for its completion.

[] Katangan authorities are still agitated over the addition of a Congo army unit of about 500 troops to the UN contingent at the Kamina airbase. On 5 September Tshombé called the troop movement a violation of UN pledges and a threat to the "peaceful solution which was about to succeed."

[] Chief UN representative Gardiner feels the move provides a useful backstop to the UN plan. He has been instructed, however, to tell Tshombé that no further movements of this kind are anticipated. []

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[] Morocco-USSR: [] A shipment which arrived in Casablanca on 1 September probably included [] Soviet T-54 tanks and some 400 tons of ammunition.

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[] This is the second shipment of tanks received in Morocco under an arms purchase agreement concluded with the USSR early this year. It brings the total number of tanks received to about []

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[] About 20 Soviet technicians are reported to be involved. The King's military adviser assured American officials last spring that Soviet tank technicians would remain in Morocco for only three months. []

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Argentina: Civilian and military cabinet members seeking to forestall a coup by military extremists have decided on a compromise reorganization of the government under which either the minister of defense or the minister of interior would become de facto chief of the cabinet.

According to Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs Shaw, the post will first be offered to former Provisional President General Pedro Aramburu, and if he declines, to retired Admiral Issac Rojas or Chief of Staff General Labayru. Under the plan, the new "chief of the cabinet" would run the government, and President Guido, whose prestige has been declining rapidly, would merely countersign decrees. If Guido refuses to accept this arrangement, he will be replaced by Supreme Court President Benjamin Basavilbaso, constitutional successor to the presidency.

The compromise, according to Ambassador McClintock, may "further whet the appetites of those who favor outright military control of the government."

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